

HOUSE BILL 2273

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AN ACT to name a Department of Transportation APD-40 Interchange in Cleveland, Tennessee in honor of the Honorable Mayor Tom Rowland.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should commemorate the accomplishments of those exemplary public servants who have served this state with the greatest acumen and dedication; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Tom Rowland has rendered valuable service to the community of Cleveland, Tennessee for more than two decades, as he was sworn in as Mayor of Cleveland on September 9, 1991, and is now in his twenty-second year, the longest serving Mayor in Cleveland's history; and

WHEREAS, having served the residents of Cleveland with the greatest distinction, Mayor Tom Rowland has been recognized for his dedication to the community, as he was named Mayor of the Year in 2004 and Tennessee's Community Leader of the Year in 2009; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Tom Rowland has made valuable contributions to the citizens of this state through numerous leadership roles, including his former position as past president of the Tennessee Municipal League and his current positions as vice chairman of the Tennessee Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations, board member of the Tennessee Risk Management Pool, and vice chairman of the Tennessee Municipal Bond Fund; and

WHEREAS, this extraordinary gentleman devotes his time, talent and efforts to improving the lives of residents in the Cleveland community and contributing to the overall economic development and betterment of Tennessee, as he is co-founder of Cleveland 100, an organization that assists surviving family members of emergency personnel killed in the line of duty, and serves on numerous boards, including the Board of Public Utilities, Chamber of

Commerce, Economic Development Council, Industrial Development Board, and the Keep America Beautiful Board; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Mayor Tom Rowland has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, wisdom, and integrity, and he should be appropriately honored by this General Assembly, on behalf of an appreciative public; now, therefore,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, at such time as the new department of transportation APD-40 Interchange in Cleveland, Tennessee (Project No. 06007-2241-14) on State Route 311 / U.S. Highway 74 between Exit 20 on Interstate 75 and State Route 2 / U.S. Highway 11 is constructed, such Interchange shall be named in honor of the Honorable Mayor Tom Rowland as a lasting tribute to one of Tennessee's longest serving and most dedicated public servants.

SECTION 2. The commissioner of transportation is directed to erect or affix suitable signs designating the new department of transportation APD-40 Interchange in Cleveland, Tennessee described in Section 1 as the "Honorable Mayor Tom Rowland Interchange" when such interchange is constructed.

SECTION 3. The erection of such signs shall be within the guidelines prescribed by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

SECTION 4. This act shall become operative only if the federal highway administrator advises the commissioner of transportation in writing that this act shall not render Tennessee in violation of federal laws and regulations and subject to penalties prescribed therein.

SECTION 5. This act shall become operative only if the cost of the manufacture and installation of such signs is paid to the department of transportation from non-state funds within one (1) year of the effective date of this act. Such payment shall be made prior to any expenditure by the state for the manufacture or installation of such signs. The department shall return any unused portion of the estimated cost to the person or entity paying for such signs within thirty (30) days of the erection of such signs. If the actual cost exceeds the estimated cost, an amount equal to the difference in such costs shall be remitted to the department in non-

state funds within thirty (30) days of the sponsoring person or entity receiving an itemized invoice of the actual cost from the department.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.